Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 17 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 18 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 16 Nov 2023 at 13:06 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for Friday, Saturday and Sunday but confidence becomes low for Monday and Tuesday on the timings of the complex low moving away eastwards and a ridge sweeping across the area into Tuesday.

Headline for Friday 17 Nov 2023: Dry and bright morning, turning cloudy in the afternoon with rain and strong winds arriving from the southwest through the night.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 17 Nov 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers (night)	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	10%	00%	00%	00%	00%	30%

Forecast for Friday 17 Nov 2023

Weather: A few scattered showers first, which will be wintry above 800m, with weather turning dry and bright through the early morning. From mid-afternoon onwards, medium and high cloud will move in from the southwest then rain arriving late evening, falling as snow above 800m. Light to moderate winds first but increasing from the southwest through the evening and night with a risk for gales at that time. Feeling cold near the tops especially.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% first soon becoming 90-100%, then cloud increasing from the southwest through the evening and night.

Low Cloud and visibility: Low cloud at first (above 600m) during the early morning will clear to leave generally clear skies and good visibilities through the morning and beginning of afternoon. Low cloud starting to cover tops towards the end of the day, when visibilities will also start to drop in precipitation.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	13/16 SE	7/9 SE	5/6 S	3/4 S	5/7 S	10/13 SE	17/22 SE	27/35 SE	32/43 SE
900	9/14 SE	6/8 S	4/5 S	3/5 S	4/6 SE	10/13 SE	15/21 SE	21/29 SE	25/37 SE
600	7/9 SE	5/6 SE	3/4 SE	3/4 SE	3/5 E	6/8 SE	9/13 SE	16/22 SE	29/42 SE
300	4/8 SE	3/5 SE	2/3 E	3/4 E	2/4 NE	4/7 SE	8/15 SE	11/19 SE	18/31 SE
Glen	3/5 E	2/4 E	1/3 E	2/4 NE	2/5 NE	2/6 SE	5/11 S	7/16 E	10/26 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-7	-2/-6	-2/-5	-2/-4	-1/-4	-1/-6	-2/-8	-3/-11	-2/-11
900	0/-4	0/-3	0/-2	0/-2	1/-1	1/-4	-0/-6	-0/-7	0/-7
600	3/0	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/2	4/1	3/0	3/-1	4/-1
300	5/4	5/4	5/4	4/3	5/4	6/4	4/2	4/1	5/0
Glen	6/5	5/4	4/3	3/2	6/5	5/4	5/4	6/4	6/4
Freezing Level*	1100m	1100m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	900m	900m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Generally good walking conditions but snow is expected above 900m. Conditions will deteriorate quickly through the evening and night, associated with increasing winds.

Forecast for Saturday 18 Nov 2023

Weather: Band of rain, which will be sleet above 900m, will be over the area since by early morning but will clear northeast by mid-morning. Showery outbreaks will follow which will be organized, heavy and possibly thundery at times. Strong southeast winds, reaching gales above 500-600m with winds veering southwest, as rain moves away, but remaining strong and can increase to gale near showery outbreaks.

Maximum wind: South or Southeast 45mph gusts 60mph decreasing 30mph gusts 50mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 0% until mid-morning, increasing to 60-70% after.

Low Cloud and visibility: Low cloud will cover much of the area at first above 600m with poor visibilities, associated with the above mentioned band of rain. This will clear from midmorning, leaving partly cloudy skies and good visibilities, which will drop at times with passing showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 increasing to 11 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 decreasing to 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 900m overnight, rising above summits by morning.

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